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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ASSESSMENT OF THE INCREASING
RELIANCE OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS ON FOREIGN PROCESSED
MATERIALS"

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1. GAO TEAM DONALD P. INGERSOLL AND ANTHONY J. GONZALES
WILL BE IN CHILE DURING PERIOD AUGUST 21 THROUGH
AUGUST 25 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES THE STATUS
OF THE COPPER, ZINC, FERROALLOY AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES
AS THEY RELATE TO THE SUBJECT REVIEW.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE
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TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS: A) TRENDS IN THE
MINING AND PRODUCTION OF THE ABOVE METALS OVER THE PAST
FIVE YEARS IN CHILE; B) CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS
AND EXPORTS OF THE METALS AS ORES, CONCENTRATES AND METALS,
AND C) ANY CHANGES ANTICIPATED IN THESE AREAS IN THE
FUTURE.

3. WITH REGARD TO EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS: A) STRUCTURE OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ABOVE INDUSTRIES; B) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND OWNERSHIP; C) TYPES OF GOVERNMENT DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT SUCH AS LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES OR GRANTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRIES; D) RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ORES, CONCENTRATES AND PROCESSED METALS; E) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS AND MECHANISM FOR ENFORCEMENT; F) IMPACT OF ENERGY REQUIREMENTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINERAL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, AND G) THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TRADE POLICIES AND THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION.

4. THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHILEAN MINING ASSOCIATION.

5. WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES THE TEAM WILL WANT TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF OPERATING IN CHILE VERSUS THE U.S. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CODELCO-CHILE, AND AS TIME PERMITS PATAHUEL, SA GASIA, AND MANTOS BLANCOS MINING COMPANIES ABOUT NON FERROUS METALS AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANIA DE ACERO DEL PACIFICO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT THEIR DISCONTINUING PRODUCTION OF SILICON METAL AND FERRO SILICON.

6. MR. GONZALES WILL BE IN SANTIAGO AUGUST 16-26, MR. INGERSOLL AUGUST 19-23. PLEASE ARRANGE SINGLE HOTEL ROOMS FOR THESE DATES. THE AUDITORS WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT AND WILL ADVISE FLIGHT DETAILS WHEN CONFIRMED.

7. DONALD P. INGERSOLL HAS BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING SECRET, AND ANTHONY J. GONZALES UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THESE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

8. PLEASE CONFIRM ITINERARY AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO PANAMA FOR TUCKER, GAO; INFO DEPARTMENT FOR GAO. VANCE

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